

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/596,511	HAFKER ET AL.	
	Examiner John Sipos	Art Unit 3721	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Mr. John Mion. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 25 May 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: All.

Identification of prior art discussed: cited.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Agreed on the claims, similar to the attached ones, as being allowable. Final version is in the Examiner's Amendment. (This Interview Summary is comprised of an e-mail authorization (1 page) and copy of claims (3 pages)).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Sipos, John

*Part of Interview
Summary of
5/25/07*

From: Sipos, John
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 9:20 AM
To: 'Mion, John H.'
Subject: RE: App. No. 10/596511; Atty Dkt. Q95480

I am enclosing the last version of the claims that we discussed this morning.

Let me know if anything else needs be changed and if I can go ahead and write an Examiner's Amendment to allow the claims.

Thanks much, John.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mion, John H. [mailto:Jmion@sughrue.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2007 3:24 PM
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Dear Mr. Sipos,

You are authorized to communicate with me re this case via email (jmion@sughrue.com).

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Mr. J. Mion

Claims 1-4,6 and 11 are cancelled.

5. An apparatus for transferring liquid substances to cigarettes (12) of a cigarette group (11), corresponding to the contents of a cigarette pack (10), comprising:

- a) an endless cigarette conveyer with pockets (20) for a respective cigarette group (11) comprising a pocket chain (17) for transporting respective cigarette groups; the cigarettes (12) of the cigarette groups (11) are being arranged in the pockets (20) transversely to the conveying direction such that free end surfaces of the cigarettes (12) are directed sideways, and
- b) at least one stationary or movable flavoring subassembly (28) comprising at least one metering unit (29) for transferring the substance(s) to at least one cigarette group (11) as the positions of the metering unit (29) and cigarette group (11) relative to one another momentarily coincide; and
- c) said flavoring subassembly comprising an introduction needle (32) arranged so that it is introduced into a gap (33) formed between adjacent cigarettes (12) of a cigarette group (11) for transferring a determinable quantity of substance to individual gaps (33) for the operation of feeding the substance.

6. An apparatus for transferring liquid substances to cigarettes (12) characterized in that cigarettes (12) which are formed into a cigarette group (11) corresponding to the contents of a cigarette pack (10) and the cigarette conveyer is assigned a fixed or movable flavoring subassembly (28) which has at least one metering unit (29) during a momentary standstill, or during the conveying movement, of the cigarette group (11).

7. The apparatus as claimed in claim 65, characterized in that, with the cigarette conveyer being driven cyclically, with a cyclically moving conveying strand (18), said stationary flavoring subassembly (28) is arranged alongside the moving path of the cigarette conveyer such that during the standstill of the cigarette conveyer, one or more metering

units (29) arranged one beside the other is/are positioned opposite a respective cigarette group (11) opposite the filter-free ends of the cigarettes (12), and such that, during the standstill, substance can be transferred from the metering unit (29) to the adjacent cigarette group (11).

8. The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the said conveyor comprises a pocket chain (17) which is moved cyclically by the distance of four pockets (20) in each case, the flavoring subassembly (28) has four metering units (29) located one beside the other in accordance with the spacing between the pockets (20).

11. The apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further comprising a packaging folding turret for packing the group of cigarettes in an inner wrapper having folding tabs and a mechanism for transferring a second substance or a portion (30) of the same to a folding tab of an inner wrapper (25) which directly encloses the cigarette group (11).

12. The apparatus as claimed in claims, claim 1115, characterized in that the second substance or the a portion (30) thereof is transferred to the inside of an exposed folding tab of the inner wrapper (25) prior to the folding tab being folded.

13. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1115, characterized in that the second substance is transferred by a the metering unit (29), having a nozzle head which is positioned in a stationary manner alongside the movement path of the inner wrapper (25), as the inner wrapper (25), is transported by said folding turret (21), the metering unit (29) or nozzle head (31) for discharging the a portion of said substance (30) being directed obliquely, or at an angle, in relation to the folding tab .

14. The apparatus as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that a plurality of portions (30) which follow one after another in the conveying direction is transferred to the folding tab.

15. An apparatus for transferring liquid substances to cigarettes (12) of a cigarette group (11), corresponding to the contents of a cigarette pack (10), comprising:

a) a packaging folding turret for packing the group of cigarettes in an inner wrapper (25) having folding tabs (42), [and]

- b) a fixed or movable flavouring subassembly (28) which has at least one metering unit (29) for transferring [the] a flavouring substance to the inside surface of at least one folding tab (42) of the inner wrapper (25) during a momentary standstill or during the conveying movement of the folding turret, and
- c) a folding mechanism for folding the tab against the cigarettes so that the flavouring substance on the tab is exposed to the cigarettes within the package.